National Education Commission

† 631. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a National Education Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government is seized of the various provisions in its Common Minimum Programme, which, among other things, includes a proposal for setting up of a National Education Commission.

Women-Trafficking

† 632. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in its recent report the 'Amnesty International' the guardian of the human rights at the world level has stated that "Indian women are sold in Pakistan and Pakistan has become the main base of women-trafficking where fairs for the sale of women are organized openly in the backward areas of Pakistan"; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to check the said crime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. However the report does not give any specific instance of Indian women being sold in Pakistan.

(b) (i) India is a signatory to the SAARC convention on preventing and combating trafficking in women and children for prostitution.

(ii) The National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children which was formulated in 1998 has outlined a multi-sectoral strategy for the prevention,

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